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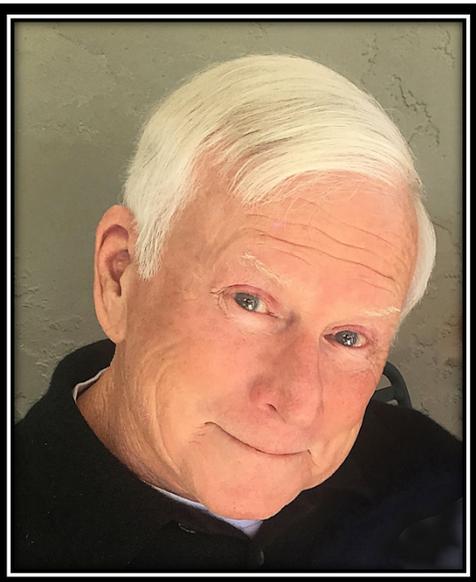
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**Wed., August 15th Presentation:  
“Photographing Large Marine Animals”  
by Ken Howard**

A Marin County resident since 1971, Ken was SCUBA certified in 1972, and got his advanced certification in 1973, the same year he took his first u/w photographs.

His August presentation will feature images of large marine animals taken on recent trips,



including the Revillagigedo Islands (250 mi SW of Cabo) for giant pacific mantas; Dominica (Caribbean) for sperm whales; and Isla Mujeres (near Cancun) for whale sharks and sailfish.

*Ken striking an amusing pose.*

But wait, there’s more! There will be photos and stories for grey whales (Mexico); the Amazon (Brazil) for river dolphins and more; and the San Juan Islands (WA State) for orcas.

For those of you who have seen shows by Ken in the past, you know he provides informative and amusing commentary throughout his presentation to go with the professional-quality images.

If you’re not on a trip yourself on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, this show at Book Passage is not to be missed!

**See page 2 for more about Ken.**

**MSC Movie Night: “The Meg” –  
Join Us on Tuesday, 8/14**

Bruce The Shark in “Jaws” was a guppy compared to the “The Meg”, starting August 10<sup>th</sup>.

So, as we did for “47 Meters Down”, let’s see it together on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, most likely at Cinemark Northgate — though it’s too early to know where it will be showing.



*“The Meg” is opening wide on 8/10.*

Based on a best-selling book, this American-Chinese movie combines sci-fi, action and horror. Featuring a 75-foot-long prehistoric shark, it got a “97% want to see” rating on [RottenTomatoes.com](https://www.rottentomatoes.com).

We’ll meet at the San Rafael Applebee’s for dinner 90 minutes in advance. Time: TBD. Gil will send an email in early August. [Watch the trailer.](#)

**See page 2 for more MSC News.**

## More About Ken Howard

Ken's photo achievements include winning Best of Show at the "first annual" Monterey Beach Photo Competition (now the Monterey Shootout) back in the early 1980s.

He has also won the top prize in photography contests sponsored by *National Wildlife*, *Popular Photography* and *Outdoor California* magazines.

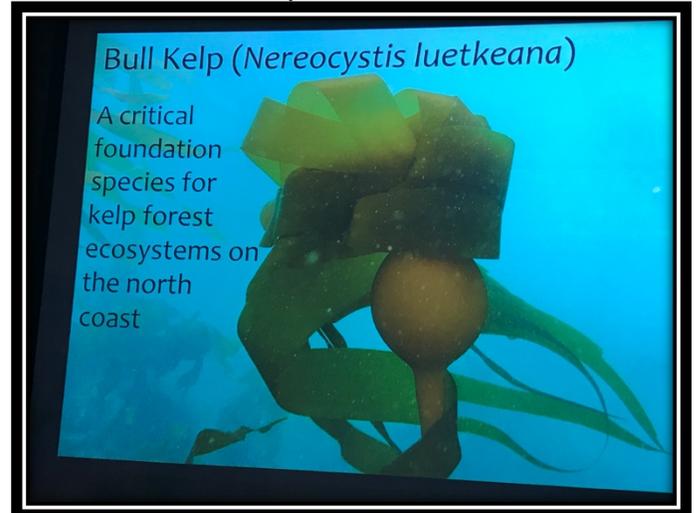


*His photo credits (National Geographic, etc.) are too numerous to list, but here's an unusual one on the tail of a Frontier Airlines jet!*

Ken has also helped educate Bay Area underwater photographers over the years by developing seminars on "Effective Composition" and "Entering Photo Contests". He's conducted these workshops numerous times for the Northern California Underwater Photographic Society and local dive organizations. See more of his shots at: <http://www.seaimages.org/>

## July 18th Program Recap: Dr. Cynthia Catton & "Large-Scale Bull Kelp Loss in Northern California"

Dr. Catton presented to a room brimming with kelp enthusiasts. She said a "perfect storm" caused an unprecedented large-scale purple sea urchin explosion in 2015: 60x normal levels that feed on bull kelp.



*Straight facts about bull kelp.*

That fact, plus warmer seas, a strong El Niño, and a sea star disease that decimated the population of invertebrates that normally eat sea urchins have combined to make 90% of the bull kelp forests in Northern California disappear. But when there's hope, you can help:

<https://noyocenter.org/help-the-kelp/>

### "60 Minutes" with Leslie Stahl – Seaweed Farming

Ironically, a story on this CBS News program earlier in the month highlighted seaweed farming and its surprising benefits. [Watch it on 60 MinutesNews.com](http://www.60minutes.com)

### The Last Straw

Hyatt, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Starbucks and Walt Disney Company are all eliminating single-use straws and stirrers.

The Marin Scuba Club will be joining this illustrious group soon. We'll be straw-free in our future Dive & Dine Events and parties as part of our collective effort to go green.

# BOTTOM TIMES

**Aug 11 (Sat):** *Monterey Beachhopper 2 Boat Dive.* 7:30 am charter for a 2-tank dive with up to 11 divers – or shore diving, depending on conditions. Contact Ken Carter: [kc@marinclub.org](mailto:kc@marinclub.org) for details or call 650-492-9425 since conditions can be variable. More info: [www.beachhopper2.com](http://www.beachhopper2.com).

**Aug 14 (Tues):** *“The Meg”:* MSC Movie Night. An email will be sent about where and when to meet for a group dinner, then a showing of the movie. We will collect comments for a candid group blog.

**Aug 15 (Wed):** *Ken Howard, “Photographing Large Marine Animals”.* Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

**Sept 14 – 16 (Fri – Sun):** *Summer/Fall Dive & Dine:* The club has reserved the group campsite at Russian Gulch State Park, Mendocino. This is a wonderful location just a short stroll from the beach and cove. Join us for scuba diving, snorkeling and hiking. \$30 for campers. Details this summer: [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net)

**Sept 19 (Wed):** *David McGuire: “Shark Rescue – Saving Sharks from Overfishing and The Shark Fin Trade”.* Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

**Oct 14 (Sun):** *Family Snorkel and Diving Trip, Monterey.* Afternoon beach picnic and snorkel at Lover’s Point State Park & Marine Reserve (AKA Lover’s 3), conditions permitting; family friendly, kid friendly and fun for all. Contact Ken Carter for details: [kc@marinclub.org](mailto:kc@marinclub.org) or call 650-492-9425 since conditions can be variable and we might have to relocate.

**Oct 17 - 24:** *Fiji Club Trip:* 17 members have confirmed to date. Blue Water Travel will handle the reservations and payments. For trip info, see bottom of page at [www.bluewaterdivetravel.com/marin-scuba-club-fiji-2018](http://www.bluewaterdivetravel.com/marin-scuba-club-fiji-2018). Contact Bryan: [bryeck@gmail.com](mailto:bryeck@gmail.com) since there is now a waiting list.

**Oct 17 (Wed):** *Speaker: TBA.* Details to come. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

**Nov 14 (Wed):** *Ana Blanco: International Ocean Film Festival.* Details to come. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. *NOTE: This meeting is slated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of November rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> to avoid overlap with the long Thanksgiving weekend.*

**Dec 8 (Sat):** *Annual Holiday Party at Ralph Daniel’s house, San Rafael.*

**Feb 14-24:** *Roatan Club Trip:* 10-day trip staying at the Splash Inn Dive Resort at the west end of Roatan in the Bay Islands, Honduras. 14 members have confirmed to date. Costs are \$1,312 double occ; \$1,662 single occ. Airfare, lunch, dinner and gratuities are not included. Contact Barb Wambach for more info: [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net)

**Marin Scuba Club promotes safe diving. Remember to plan your dive based on the conditions, be aware of your skills and equipment and stay with your buddy.**

Mail your application and checks to Julie Finley, c/o Starr Finley LLP,  
1 California Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94111.

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Wed., August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
***“Photographing Large***  
***Marine Animals”***  
***by Ken Howard***

**Book Passage**  
**51 Tamal Vista Blvd.**  
**Corte Madera**

**MARIN SCUBA CLUB**

**The Club meets the**  
**3rd Wednesday**  
**each month**  
**(except November &**  
**December 2018)**

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